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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMCIT MAURICE MAYO

REF: A-1230 OF MARCH 2, 1976

FOR: FELSKI STEYL

STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN

NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS

TEL: (312) 272-7603

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF NOVITIATE MAURICE MAYO. FATHER CHARLES SNYDER INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT ACCRA ON DECEMBER 28, 1977 OF MR. MAYO'S DEATH IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON DECEMBER 27 NEAR KOFORIDUA, EASTERN REGION, GHANA.

2. FATHER SNYDER HAS TEMPORARILY TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL ADVISE YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. FATHER SNYDER REQUESTS THAT YOU CONTACT MR. MAYO'S PARENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADVISE THE EMBASSY WHETHER THE PARENTS WISH LOCAL BURIAL OR RETURN OF THE REMAINS TO THE

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UNITED STATES. UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, FATHER SNYDER WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR A BURIAL AND FUNERAL AT A CATHOLIC CEMETARY IN GHANA ON DECEMBER 30. IF THE PARENTS WISH THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$2000. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST \$600. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE USUAL COST IS \$800 ALTHOUGH

FATHER SNYDER STATES THAT HE COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE FOR A LESS COSTLY BURIAL IN THE CATHOLIC CEMETARY. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$525. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

4. AFTER PARENTS HAVE MADE THEIR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ACCRA, GHANA AND INCLUDE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20520.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
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WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 7-10 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

6. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 76944 IN ACCRA.

7. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
ACCRA, GHANA. SMITH

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